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1. MISSION APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE (REF B) TO ITS REQUEST FOR LISTING OF POTENTIAL LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF GOP RECOGNITION OF CUBA (REF C).

2. WE SHARE CONCERN (REF A) THAT IN CURRENT POST-QUITO ENVIRONMENT THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSELS MOVING INTO THE CUBAN TRADE. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ONCE AGAIN REMIND THE GOP, IN LOW-KEY FASHION, OF THOSE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD TRIGGER APPLICATION OF EXISTING U.S. LEGISLATION AND OF THE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. WHILE THE GOP IS GENERALLY AWARE OF U.S. THIRD COUNTRY SANCTIONS, IT IS INCUMBENT ON US TO ENSURE THAT THERE BE NO PANAMANIAN MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO APPLICABLE U.S. LAWS AND THEIR REPERCUSSIONS.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT HAS SPANISH
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TRANSLATION OF SECTION 620 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. MISSION

WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF SUCH TRANSLATION-TOGETHER
WITH AVAILABLE TRANSLATIONS OF ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LEGISLATION-
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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